

REMARKS

Claims 6, 9, 10, 13-15 and 18-27 are pending in this application, of which claims 20-23 and 26-27 have been amended. No new claims have been added.

Claims 14, 15, 20-23, 26 and 27 stand under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as indefinite.

Accordingly, claims 20-23 and 26-27 have been amended to correct the noted instances of indefiniteness.

Thus, the 35 USC §112, second paragraph, rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 6, 9-10, 13, 18-19, 24 and 25 have been allowed.

No prior art has been applied to reject the claims.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, claims 6, 9, 10, 13-15 and 18-27, as amended, are in condition for allowance, which action, at an early date, is requested.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

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In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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